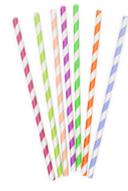


Better practices guide for events

Events can provide significant social and economic benefits and there are many ways to reduce their impact on the environment. These tips and tools can help make your event more sustainable and reduce costs.

- Landfill
 - Recycling
 - Organics
 - No waste
 - Soft plastics
- Deposited at Coles and Woolworths supermarkets*

	NOT RECOMMENDED 	BETTER	BEST (Zero waste) 
 Coffee cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take away coffee cup ● Plastic lid ● Polystyrene cup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compostable takeaway cup made from plant based fibres (eg. sugar cane) <p><i>*Made from plant-based materials although can't be recycled or composted in Moira.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BYO reusable cup ○ Supply washable and reusable cups 
 Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic cups (soft drinks, milkshakes, smoothies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Takeaway cup made from unbleached cardboard without plastic or wax lining <p><i>*Plastic lid optional</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BYO reusable cup ○ Supply washable and reusable cups 
 Drinking water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic water bottles 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable bottles ○ Tap water 'tap is best' ○ Hydrating stations/water trailers (Contact North East Water and Goulburn Valley Water) ○ Benchtop water dispenser with reusable cups 
 Straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper straws ○ Reusable straw <p>Give straws only when requested</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No straws 
 Stirring sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic stirring stick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wooden sticks which can be composted ● Edible sticks made from flour and water that can be eaten or composted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply washable and reusable teaspoons 
 Plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic plates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plates made from plant based fibres (eg. bamboo) <p><i>*Made from plant-based materials although can't be recycled or composted in Moira.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply reusable and washable plates 

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 Cutlery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic cutlery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cutlery made from plant based fibres (eg. bamboo) <i>*Made from plant-based materials although can't be recycled or composted in Moira. Edible cutlery made from flour and water. Can be eaten or composted.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply reusable and washable cutlery 
 Food containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Polystyrene packaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compostable packaging made from plant-based fibres <i>*Made from plant-based materials although can't be recycled or composted in Moira.</i> ● Cardboard boxes ● Paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage BYO containers and bags ○ Supply reusable and washable plates and bowls 
 Condiments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Single serve condiments (such as tomato sauce, tartare sauce and milk) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable bulk dispensers 
 Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Single-use plastic bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable bags made from polypropylene or PET plastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable bags made from sustainable material such as Boomerang bags www.boomerangbags.org 
 Produce bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plastic produce bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cardboard boxes ● Paper bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable produce bag 
 Produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unseasonal imported produce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seasonal produce <i>*Guides such as sustainabletable.org.au make it easy to know what is in season and when</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locally sourced seasonal produce 
 Balloons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balloons, especially helium – including biodegradable balloons ● Balloon releases 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reusable bunting, bubbles, ribbons or plant a tree 
 Waste disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only general waste bins provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General waste bins provided; and ● Recycling bins provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General waste bins provided; and ● Recycling bins provided; and ● Organic or composting for food waste offered; and ● Soft plastics bin provided + Waste disposal education signage